



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert Vanstory TEEPLE et al. ) Examiner: Justin FISCHER  
 Application No.: 09/995,340 ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
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 Title: Tire with multiple carcass reinforcement )  
 plies having beads of specified structure )

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131**

Robert Vanstory Teeple, declares that the following statements made of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-captioned application and any patent that issue thereon:

1. I am an inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in the above-captioned United States patent application;
2. Prior to 31 August 2001, I and the other named inventors conceived and reduced the claimed invention to practice, preparing a record of the invention for my employer describing the subject matter which is claimed in the application;
3. A copy of the relevant page of the written record is attached to this Declaration. The page includes drawings of different embodiments of the invention. In particular, drawings labeled "Classic" corresponds to Figure 1 in the application, which is the elected invention in this application. In addition, the drawing labeled "whiskers" corresponds to Figure 4 in this application;
4. The date of the invention record is prior to 31 August 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: Jan 20, 2004